Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026
Town of Belle Plaine Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Gary Schumacher. Directors present were Kevin Goodman, Jeff Casperson, Wendy Lechusz, Jessica Meier, and Rick Schultz. Director not present was Andy Hines. CLPA member Fran West also attended the meeting.

Approval of June 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve as drafted made by Wendy, second by Jeff, all in favor.

Financial Report (as of 6/30/2026)

- Total Current Assets are $295,310.77
- YTD income through is $22,903.20, YTD expenses are $12,621.29, net income is $10,281.91
- The CoVantage CU and Community First CU CDs are maturing in August; Jessica will check on rates being offered before any renewal of the CDs.
- Payments requiring approval: $25.28 to Andy Hines for Clean Boats/Clean Water printing expenses.

Motion to approve the Financial Report (including payment to Andy) made by Wendy, second by Jeff, all in favor.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

- During June, after looking at different options, the old boat monitor shack was replaced by an ice fishing shanty owned by Mike Nelson. Mike will deliver, remove and maintain the shack going forward, in exchange for zero-cost annual CLPA memberships for Mike and Breakaway Bar & Grill (with Breakaway becoming a CLPA member) as long as the shanty is provided. Motion to approve this arrangement made by Jeff, second by Kevin, all in favor.
- Wendy recommended providing a cooling fan for the shack. A suitable battery-powered fan will be identified and provided.
- Regarding insurance coverage and indemnification:
  - The boat monitors are employees of the Town of Belle Plaine, so the Town's insurance covers them
  - Jessica reviewed CLPA's insurance: it will cover injury, but there is a $1,000 deductible for property damage
- As part of the agreement with Mike Nelson, CLPA agreed to pay for materials and Mike will fix any damage to the shanty.
- Andy provided an e-mail update prior to this meeting: all three boat monitors are now hired; one of the new boat monitors has been observed fishing from the dock when boats were entering and leaving the lake, so the person will be further observed.
- The boat monitors get frequent questions about boat launch fees and the town boating ordinances. Kevin volunteered to put together an educational tool for the monitors so they are better prepared to respond to questions.

Lake Management Plan Discussion with Eddie Heath from Onterra

The current 5-year Lake Management Plan will be expiring in 2027, so a decision is needed to either start the renewal process now or defer to a later date. At CLPA's request, Onterra consultant Eddie Heath called into the meeting to discuss options and recommendations:

- There are two types of plans – a narrower-scope aquatic lake management plan, which has a five year cycle and is required to be eligible to submit DNR grant applications, or a wider-scope comprehensive plan, which has a 8-10 year cycle.

- Eddie provided a sample Management Planning Timeline for a new lake management plan starting in 2028. This timeline shows a pre-application deadline of 9/15/2026 as the first step.
- Eddie shared that the DNR is no longer giving weed treatment grants unless navigation is being impeded (his example was that the weed bed at the end of Grass Lake would probably not be considered to impede navigation). This may lead to the DNR suggesting mechanical weed harvesting over chemical treatment, especially since the DNR is starting to scrutinize herbicide treatment more closely. In addition, the DNR is getting more selective with issuing treatment permits – we could have a weed problem but the DNR may not think it is bad enough.
- Eddie rough-estimated that Onterra's fee for a 5-year plan extension would be about $15,000 for one lake; the DNR would pick up 2/3 of that cost; CLPA's portion of the cost for our lakes would maybe be around $8,000.
- Weevil treatment of EWM would not be effective for our lakes.
- Eddie reminded us that there is "no free lunch" with herbicides, there are always risks with using them. On the DNR website, search for "chemical fact sheet" for more information.
- Eddie's thoughts about seasonal timings:
    - July to early August for point intercept mapping (50 meter grid)
    - September for EWM mapping (what's visible from the surface)
    - Mid-June – mid-September for DASH (better for extracting roots)
    - Early-to-mid June for herbicides

The post-call discussion included:

- Kevin proposed that we need a primary contact and coordinating liaison with Onterra; Jeff volunteered. Thank you, Jeff!
- Jeff expressed concern that if we delay renewing the plan, we could be in a bad position in our ability to take action if/when a weed problem returns. Wendy supported this by stating that we owe it to the weed fund donors to stay on top of this.
- Motion to move forward with renewing a 5-year aquatic management plan made by Jeff, second by Wendy, all in favor.
- Wendy will put together a communication piece for the membership.

<u>Independence Day Review</u>

- What went well : Kiddie parade WAMSCO games and popsicles (donated by the Hoskings)
- What could have been improved: in the future perhaps ask for more Sheriff presence on the water in the afternoon.
- To consider for next year: Jody Greasby has offered to coordinate a 50/50 raffle. Jessica reported that CLPA has kept its raffle license current.
- Jessica expressed opinion that pontoon parade path marker buoys should not be set out early in the day, and also recommended that the public be notified in advance that the buoys are for marking the pontoon parade route through the sandbar.
- Kevin stated that the pontoon parade marker buoys also help showing the Sheriff's boat where to go when clearing out the route and leading the pontoon parade.

<u>CLPA Communications</u>

- The consensus of the Board is to have CLPA email communications originate from clpawisconsin@gmail.com via Constant Contact, now that the Constant Contact email process is up and running.
- Communication ideas for the next newsletter include:
    - Independence Day recap, including kiddie parade and pontoon parade photos and thanking the Hoskings for the popsicles.
    - Reminding pontoon owners to not use their landing lights as headlights while night cruising.

Water Levels

Rick reported that heavy rainfall, along with beavers quickly rebuilding opened dam sections, continues to make this a challenging year.

Other Business / Open Discussion

- Jessica recommended the use of Microsoft Teams for Non-Profits as a no-cost tool for recording meetings and conducting virtual audio/video meetings. There is no meeting time limit for virtual meetings like we have run into with the free version of Zoom.
- Jessica announced that she intends to step down from the CLPA Board when her current term ends (May, 2028).
- Member Fran West stated that she appreciates the e-newsletters and increased social media information now coming from CLPA, especially those that clarify the roles and responsibilities of CLPA, the Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County, etc.

Next CLPA Board Meeting

The Next CLPA Board meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2026 at 5:00 PM at the Belle Plaine Community Center.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff, second by Wendy, all in favor. The meeting ended at approximately 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Schultz, CLPA Secretary